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Anglers and hunters can now purchase licenses online through DNR's website, www.dnr.maryland.gov, or over the phone at 1-800-918-2870. These new services complement the existing 320 retail vendors that currently and will continue to sell licenses.

Fulfilling a commitment to deliver flexibility to core customers, DNR researched, evaluated and developed a plan that was cost-effective and reasonable.

"This morning from the comfort of my home, I logged onto the DNR website and was able to quickly and easily purchase my 2005 hunting license," DNR Secretary C. Ronald Franks said. "The sale of licenses online in no way replaces the long tradition of purchasing a license from one of our retail vendors, however, we know that more and more people are making purchases online and we are happy to provide this convenience for our customers."

For a nominal service fee (\$1 plus 2.5% of the subtotal cost plus mailing, if applicable), hunters and anglers can now enjoy the ease and convenience of purchasing a license from the internet or by telephone. The convenience fee pays for the electronic processing, fulfillment and mailing if required.

For over 10 years, DNR has been providing Marylanders with online information and resources about Maryland's outdoors. Today, DNR sells well over 500,000 fishing and hunting licenses and privileges and receives over 1.5 million website visits each year.



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Successful 2005 Clean Marina Workshops

Two Clean Marina workshops were held in February to introduce the program to more marinas and to increase participation. The workshops were held in Havre de Grace and Annapolis. Between both workshops, approximately 50 people attended representing roughly 15 marinas as well as other interested businesses.

The goal of the workshops was to provide marina managers with an understanding of the Clean Marina Program's goals and objectives and to provide them with materials they could immediately use to begin the certification process.

The primary goals of the program are to certify 25 percent of Maryland's marinas as Clean Marinas and to prevent additional federal regulation of the industry. Presently, just 17 percent of the marinas in Maryland are certified as either a Clean Marina or a Clean Marina Partner. "Partners" are typically small marine facilities that, while not true marinas, take steps to minimize their own waste and educate boaters. (Examples are State Park boat ramps and maritime museums.) However, 30 percent of the estimated number of commercial slips in Maryland are now at a certified Clean Marina, so the impact of this program is clearly growing.

Marina managers who attended the workshops received many free materials to assist in the certification process. First, the *Maryland Clean Marina Guidebook* provides many templates for commonly needed plans at marinas and helps operators to sort through various regulations and permits. Additionally, attendees received free videos for training staff on "best management practices," clean boating tip cards and "petroleum

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2005 Cuts in Clean Marina Grants \$\$

During the past five years, the Maryland Clean Marina Initiative has received Federal funding to use as cost-share grants at marinas, boatyards, and yacht clubs. Funding has come from both the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Non-point Source Program and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency (NOAA), in response to annual applications from program staff.

Through these grant programs, much has been accomplished by providing 60-75 percent reimbursement of the costs of pollution prevention items at marinas for items such as: vacuum sanders, HVLP spray guns, oil and antifreeze recycling stations, wash-

water recycling systems, riparian buffers to filter stormwater, and portable oil/water separators to clean oily bilge water.

All items purchased or installed as part of Clean Marina grants have been used in demonstration projects which were displayed to the public during "open houses." Additionally, the grants were intended to assist marinas in becoming certified as Clean Marinas, and to reward those already certified. When grant applications were initially reviewed, consideration was given to certified Clean Marinas, as well as those who demonstrated they could become certified with use of the grant funds.

During the grant process, those marinas which completed certification as Clean Marinas were reimbursed up to 75 percent of the cost of grant funded items. Those who did not complete certification were eligible for just 60 percent cost-share. As a result of this incentive, roughly 80 percent of non-certified marinas that participated became Clean Marinas.

While the Clean Marina grants have been very successful at both installing pollution prevention items at marinas and motivating at least a dozen marinas to become Clean Marinas, grant funds will not be available to the Clean Marina Program this year.

This is due, in part, to a change in the structure of the federal programs, which previously allowed the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to provide the grants to a third party (i.e., marinas). The new rules mean that if DNR was awarded

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control kits” to distribute to customers, and clean boating posters for their facilities. These items are available free to Maryland marina operators (while supplies last) by contacting the program coordinator at 410-260-8770 or dmorrow@dnr.state.md.us.

Attending a workshop is a good way to learn about the program, however, it is not necessary. Marina and boatyard managers interested in having their facilities certified as Clean Marinas are welcome to become involved any time throughout the year. The best way to get started is to call the program office and request a *Guidebook* and Award Checklist. The marina manager should request an informal walk-through by Clean Marina program staff to assess the facility and determine what may need to be done to qualify as a Clean Marina.

As a reminder, the Clean Marina Program staff have no regulatory authority at marinas, and all compliance assistance is confidential. All program materials, including the *Guidebook* and Checklist, are free and available by calling 410-260-8770.

Clean Marina certification brings several benefits to the marina, boatyard, or yacht club. They include: attracting customers that cause fewer problems for the marina staff (i.e., leaving trash behind); free publicity from DNR (on web site, at boat shows, in trade publications); authorized use of the Clean Marina logo in the marina’s advertising and a free Clean Marina flag; reduced clean-up costs (i.e., no over-spray onto neighboring vessels due to proper tenting of paint jobs); and the “feel good factor” knowing the business is doing its best to minimize pollution from its operations.

Certification as a Clean Marina usually involves at least one informal visit by program staff to assess the facility. Afterwards, a follow-up letter is generated for the marina manager, which details what items she/he may need to address. Confidential assistance is available with any follow-up item, upon request.

Once both the Clean Marina staff and the marina manager are confident that all items have been addressed, a formal “confirmation visit” is scheduled. This involves a member of the program staff and a manager of another Clean Marina visiting the facility, and confirming the items on the Award Checklist are in place.

Once certification is complete, a press release is sent from DNR to newspapers and boating publications statewide, announcing the marina’s accomplishment. Clean Marinas are asked to renew their status in writing annually, for two years. At least every third year program staff will re-certify the facility with another on-site visit.

The Clean Marina program staff looks forward to working with a new group of marinas in 2005 and to reaching the modest goal of certifying 25 percent of Maryland’s marinas. For more information, or to receive the *Clean Marina Guidebook*, please contact dmorrow@dnr.state.md.us , 410-260-8770, or visit www.dnr.maryland.gov/boating. 🌿



Clean Marina program coordinator, Donna Morrow, reviews key components of the Clean Marina Guidebook at the workshop in Annapolis .

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grant funding in the future, it could not be redirected to marinas, boatyards, or yacht clubs. Additionally, the budgets of the agencies funding these grants (EPA and NOAA) have been seriously cut, leaving fewer dollars available for grant programs in general.

If circumstances change regarding availability of Federal grant funding for demonstration projects at marinas, the Clean Marina staff will make every effort to apply for such funds. If grants become available in the future, there will be direct mailings (as usual) to eligible marinas, as well as announcements in this newsletter and on the program’s website (www.dnr.maryland.gov/boating). Press releases will also be sent to newspapers to promote any such opportunity, should it arise.

The last round of Clean Marina grants was advertised and awarded one year ago, in the spring of 2004. The marinas which were awarded grants (*Skipjack Cove Yachting Resort, Casa Rio Marina, Oak Grove Marina/Persimmon Point Marine, Rockhold Creek Marina, Ocean City Fishing Center, Herrington Harbour North, Spring Cove Marina, Rock Hal, Fort Washington Marina, Saefern Saddle and Yacht Club, Bert Jabin’s Yacht Yard, Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, Rhode River Marina, Twin Harbors Community Marina, Solomons Yachting Center, Goose Creek Marina, Shelter Cove Yacht Basin, Eastport Yacht Club, and Hillsmere Shores Community Marina*) have purchased a variety of pollution prevention items. These include a refrigerant recovery system, a recycling parts washer, and a pressure-wash water recycling system.

An open house demonstration day of all grant funded items completed at these facilities is tentatively planned for late March, 2005. However, the grant period may be extended to assist some facilities in completing their projects. Anyone interested in viewing practices during the open house should check the program’s web site: www.dnr.maryland.gov/boating for details. Post cards announcing the open house will also be sent to all marinas and businesses which currently receive this newsletter and a press release will be issued to newspapers statewide when the final date is set. 🌿

THREE NEW CLEAN MARINAS AND PARTNERS!

Over the winter months, two additional State Parks have been certified as Clean Marina Partners, and one has been certified as a Clean Marina. This brings the total number of certified facilities in Maryland to 103.

Fort Frederick (Washington County) and Cunningham Falls (Frederick County) State Park boat ramps have been certified as Clean Marina Partners. They are not true marinas but have boat ramps, boat rentals, and concession areas. At the boating recreation areas, only non-motorized vessels or those with electric motors are permitted to operate, which prevents the discharge of fuel or oil associated with other engines.

Park staff distribute environmental education materials to visitors and keep Clean Boating Posters and signs displayed. The parks also are part of the “trash free” park system, which means all visitors must take home what they bring in. This reduces costs of trash removal, but also eliminates the mess created by animals and insects around trash cans. Additionally, seasonal staff are well-trained in emergency response procedures.

Sandy Point State Park operates not only multiple launching ramps (22!), but a small marina, fuel dock, and concession shop. This facility was certified as a Maryland Clean Marina because of the complexity of its operations. Park Manager, Kenny Hartman, ensures that all seasonal staff are properly trained for both safety and environmental precautions at the fuel dock and marina.

Additionally, the service department which repairs outboard engines and rental boats recycles used oil and is kept extremely clean and well-organized. The marina’s small store also distributes free environmental education materials to visitors. The attention to detail by not only the park manager, but all marina staff, was the key to their certification. 🌿



Ken Hartman, Manager of Sandy Point State Park, with their Clean Marina burgee.

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ADVANCED MARINA, OCEAN CITY ANCHORAGE MARINA, BALTIMORE ANCHOR BAY EAST MARINA, DUNDALK BAHIA MARINA, OCEAN CITY BALTIMORE YACHT CLUB, ESSEX BAY BOAT WORKS, NORTH EAST BAY BRIDGE MARINA, STEVENSVILLE BAY RIDGE CIVIC ASSN. MARINA, ANNAPOLIS BERT JABIN’S BOAT YARD, ANNAPOLIS BOWLEY’S MARINA, MIDDLE RIVER CAMPBELL’S BACHELOR POINT, OXFORD CAMPBELL’S TOWN CREEK MARINA, OXFORD CASA RIO MARINA, MAYO CHALK POINT MARINE, WEST RIVER CHESAPEAKE HARBOUR MARINA, ANNAPOLIS CHESAPEAKE YACHTING CENTER, ESSEX COLTONS POINT MARINA, COLTONS POINT CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB, RIDGE CUTTER MARINE SERVICES, ESSEX DUFFY CREEK MARINA, GEORGETOWN EASTPORT YACHT CLUB, ANNAPOLIS FAIRVIEW MARINA, PASADENA FERRY POINT MARINA & YACHT YARD, ARNOLD FISHING CREEK LANDINGS MARINA, CHES. BEACH FLAG HARBOR YACHT HAVEN, ST. LEONARD FORT WASHINGTON MARINA, FORT WASHINGTON GATEWAY MARINA, TRAPPE GRATITUDE MARINA, ROCK HALL HARBOR VIEW MARINA, BALTIMORE HARBORVIEW MARINA, LEONARDTOWN HARTGE’S YACHT YARD, GALESVILLE HAVEN HARBOUR MARINA, ROCK HALL HERRINGTON HARBOUR NORTH, TRACYS LANDING HERRINGTON HARBOUR SOUTH, FRIENDSHIP HINCKLEY YACHT SERVICES, OXFORD KENT ISLAND YACHT CLUB, CHESTER	KNAPPS NARROWS MARINA, TILGHMAN IS. LIPPINCOTT MARINE, GRASONVILLE LITTLE ISLAND MARINA, EDGEWATER LOCUST POINT MARINA, ELKTON LONDONTOWNE MARINA, EDGEWATER MAGOTHY MARINA, SEVERNA PARK MARYLAND YACHT CLUB, PASADENA MEARS GREAT OAK LANDING, CHESTERTOWN MEARS MARINA, ANNAPOLIS MEARS POINT MARINA, GRASONVILLE MEARS YACHT HAVEN, OXFORD OAK GROVE MARINE CENTER, EDGEWATER OAK HARBOR MARINA, PASADENA OCEAN CITY FISHING CENTER, O.C. OCEAN PINES MARINA, BERLIN OSPREY POINT MARINA, ROCK HALL PARKSIDE MARINA, MIDDLE RIVER PINEY NARROWS YACHT HAVEN, CHESTER POINT LOOKOUT MARINA, RIDGE POINT PATIENCE MARINA, SOLOMONS PORT ANNAPOLIS MARINA, ANNAPOLIS PORTER’S SENECA MARINA, MIDDLE RIVER RHODE RIVER MARINA, EDGEWATER ROCKHOLD CREEK MARINA, DEALE SAEFFERN SADDLE & YACHT CLUB, ANNAPOLIS THE SAILING EMPORIUM, ROCK HALL SANDY POINT STATE PARK, ANNAPOLIS SELBY BAY YACHT BASIN, EDGEWATER SHIPWRIGHT HARBOR, DEALE SKIPJACK COVE, GEORGETOWN SKIPJACK LANDING, CHESTER SOLOMONS YACHTING CENTER, SOLOMONS SOMERS COVE MARINA, CRISFIELD SPRING COVE MARINA, SOLOMONS SPRING COVE MARINA, ROCK HALL ST. MICHAELS MARINA, ST. MICHAELS	SUNSET MARINA, OCEAN CITY SWEDEN POINT MARINA, MARBURY TAYLOR’S MARINA, ELKTON TIDEWATER MARINA, HAVRE DE GRACE TOWN POINT MARINA, TRACY’S LANDING VENTNOR MARINE, PASADENA WASHBURN’S BOATYARD, SOLOMONS WEAVER’S MARINE SERVICES, ESSEX WEST SHORE YACHT CENTER/ECKHARDT’S MARINE, ESSEX WHARF AT HANDY’S POINT, WORTON WHITEHALL YACHT YARD, ANNAPOLIS WORTON CREEK MARINA, CHESTERTOWN YOUNG’S BOAT YARD, EDGEEMERE ZAHNISER’S YACHTING CENTER, SOLOMONS
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ANCHORAGE COMMUNITY MARINA, ANNAPOLIS
CHESAPEAKE BAY MARITIME MUSEUM, ST. MICHAELS
CUNNINGHAM FALLS STATE PARK, THURMONT
DEEP CREEK LAKE REC. AREA, SWANTON
FT.FREDERICK STATE PARK, BIG POOL
GREENBRIER STATE PARK BOAT RAMP, BOONSBORO
GREEN RIDGE STATE FOREST, CUMBERLAND
HERRINGTON MANOR STATE PARK, OAKLAND
JENNINGS-RANDOLPH LAKE BOAT RAMP, OAKLAND
MARTINAK STATE PARK BOAT RAMP, QUEEN ANNE
NEW GERMANY STATE PARK, GRANTSVILLE
POCOMOKE RIVER STATE PARK, SNOW HILL
QUEENSTOWN HARBOR COMM. PIER, QUEENSTOWN
ROCKY GAP STATE PARK, FLINTSTONE
ROGUES HARBOR/ELK NECK STATE PARK,NORTHEAST
SUSQUEHANNA STATE PARK, HAVRE DE GRACE
TUCKAHOE STATE PARK BOAT RAMP, QUEEN ANNE

